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FOR CHASE, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES

FROM CONGEN CROSS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE BY MR. CHAMBLEE,  
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY

REF: STATE 56665

1. INVESTIGATION BEING CLOSELY HELD WITHIN CONSULATE AND  
HONG KONG GOVERNMENT (HKG). INQUIRY WITH HKG DETERMINES  
BEST METHOD OF FREEZING FUNDS IS FOR USG TO PROCEED  
CIVILLY IN SUPREME COURT FOR CONVERSION OF FUNDS AND  
OBTAINING OF INJUNCTION TO PREVENT WITHDRAWAL; HOWEVER,  
THIS ACTION MUST BE COORDINATED CLOSELY WITH SIMULTANEOUS  
APPLICATION FOR WARRANT VIA ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE  
CHANNELS TO OBTAIN WARRANT TO IDENTIFY SUBJECTS' ACCOUNTS  
IN HONG KONG. DEFENDANTS IN CIVIL ACTION MUST BE SERVED  
AND WILL BE ALLOWED OPPORTUNITY TO RESIST INJUNCTION.  
CONVERSELY, A LEAK OF POLICE INVESTIGATION AT BANKS TO  
IDENTIFY ACCOUNTS COULD ALSO SERVE TO NOTIFY SUBJECT.  
IN EITHER CASE, FLIGHT OF SUBJECTS AND WITHDRAWAL OF  
FUNDS POSSIBLE. CONSEQUENTLY, ALL INVESTIGATION AND  
COURT ACTION MUST BE CONDUCTED MOST DISCREETLY AND  
CLOSELY COORDINATED.

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2. INVESTIGATION AGENCY HAS BEEN INFORMED ITS HEADQUARTERS IS COORDINATING WITH DOJ. INVESTIGATORS HONG KONG HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED FROM TAKING FURTHER ACTION UNTIL CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND DOJ. ASSUME DIRECTION OF THIS CASE WILL SOON BE CENTRALIZED. TO DATE, INVESTIGATORS IN THIS CASE ARE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND CONGEN IS MERELY COOPERATING ON UNDERSTANDING THIS IS ALL BEING COORDINATED IN WASHINGTON. LINES OF RESPONSIBILITY NOT CLEAR AT MOMENT. CONGEN IN PROCESS OF RETAINING A LOCAL ATTORNEY FOR PRELIMINARY ADVICE AND RETENTION IF DOJ WISHES TO PROCEED WITH CIVIL ACTION TO FREEZE FUNDS.

3. PRELIMINARY LEGAL ADVICE AND CHARGES NO AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER BRIEFING BY INVESTIATORS AND RESEARCH OF PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED. AMCONGEN WILL FOLLOW WITH THIS INFORMATION.  
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